

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-45 have been pending in this application. Claims 1-18 and 38-41 have been rejected. This rejection is respectfully traversed. However, to further the prosecution of this application, claims 1-18 and 38-41 are canceled by this amendment. The Applicants do not concede to the Examiner's arguments and reserve the right to prosecute these claims in continuation applications.

Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of claims 19-37 and 42-45.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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